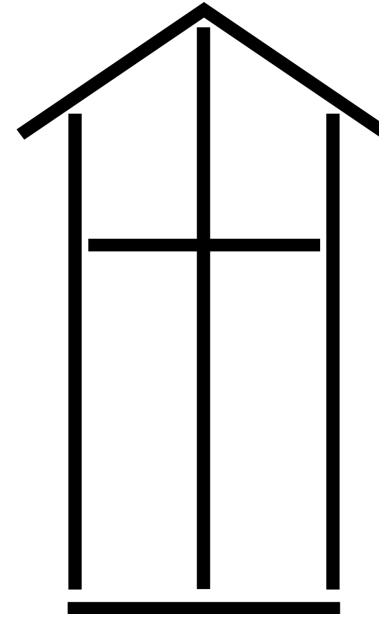


MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH
Every member a minister

Every member of Northminster Baptist Church, like every disciple of Christ, is commissioned to participate in Christian ministry. The following persons have been called by this congregation to serve as enablers in such ministry.

Pastor	Charles Poole
Associate Pastor for Children and Adults	Lesley Ratcliff
Associate Pastor for Students	Major Treadway
Minister of Music	Tim Coker
Organist	Sheila Hess
Organist Emeritus	Billy Trotter
Pastors' Secretary/Administrative Assistant	Leslie Ward
Financial Secretary	Sam South
Receptionist/Secretary	Jan Wilson/Neely Grimsley
Sexton	Lamenais Simeon



~~~~~  
**THE CHURCH IN SERVICE**

|                            |                                                                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sunday, February 21</b> |                                                                           |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service                                                           |
| 4:30 p.m.                  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>Preschool through 2nd Grade, Zoom |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>7th-9th Grade, GH                    |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Adult Studies, Livestream                                                 |
| 5:45 p.m.                  | Children's Fellowship & Bible Study,<br>3rd through 6th Grade, Zoom       |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>10th-12th Grade, GH                  |
| <b>Monday, February 22</b> |                                                                           |
| 8:30 a.m.                  | Caregiving Committee, Zoom                                                |
| 10:00 a.m.                 | Meals on Wheels                                                           |
| <b>Sunday, February 28</b> |                                                                           |
| 10:30 a.m.                 | Worship Service                                                           |
| 5:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>7th-9th Grade, GH                    |
| 5:30 p.m.                  | Adult Studies, Livestream                                                 |
| 6:00 p.m.                  | Sunday Nights at the Youth House,<br>10th-12th Grade, GH                  |

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**

Give us the spirit of prayer; fervent, holy  
and persevering, a just and humble hope,  
and never-failing charity.

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

Northminster Baptist Church  
3955 Ridgewood Road  
Jackson, MS 39211  
601-982-4703  
601-982-4705 FAX  
www.northminsterbaptist.org

**NORTHMINSTER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
3955 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211

**THE ACT OF WORSHIP**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
February 21, 2021  
Ten-thirty o'clock

**PREPARATION AND PRAISE**

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer.

The Meditation of Preparation

To pay attention, this is our endless and proper work.  
How important it is to walk along, not in haste, but slowly,  
looking at everything and calling out; Yes! No!

-Mary Oliver, *adapted*

The Prelude "Christ, the Life of All the Living" Finzi

The Spoken Call to Worship Charles Poole

\*The Procession of the Lenten Banner Blaine Bridges

\*The Processional Hymn No. 77 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *LOBE DEN HERREN*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in  
what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again: gladly forever adore him.

\*The Litany of Praise Ivey Yelverton

Leader: The Lord be with you;

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Unto You, O Lord, we will offer an offering of praise.

**People: You were with us when we were not with you.**

Leader: You called to us, and pierced our deafness.

**People: You glowed, and dispelled our blindness.**

**All: You touched us, and we burned for your peace.**

-St Augustine, *adapted*

\*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" *MEINEKE*

\*The Prayer of Invocation Ivey Yelverton

The Greeting Major Treadway

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

**Monday, February 22**

**Cooks:**

Jean Welsh  
Rebecca Black  
Polly Watkins

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Jean & Kelley Williams  
Rt. 2 Cathy & Jeff Davis

**Monday, March 1**

**Cooks:**

Becky Wooley  
Wanda Johnson  
Susan O'Mara

**Drivers:**

Rt. 1 Bob Hardin & Luke Dove  
Rt. 2 Kay Allen & Geri Smith

~~~~~  
Brumfield House

February 25

Bryan Bridges

March 4

Jeff Wilson

March 11

Josh Poole

March 18

Rebecca Wiggs

STUDENT NEWS:

Sunday Nights at the Youth House: Tonight, Great Hall

7th-9th grade, 5:00-6:30 p.m.; 10th-12th grade, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Join us for good fellowship, good food, and good fun.

Stewpot: Saturday, March 6, at 9:30am. We will gather in the Great Hall kitchen and prepare a meal to be served at Stewpot, then we will eat lunch together. Due to limitations at Stewpot, this event will be limited to ten students. Email Major (major@northminsterbaptist.org) to sign up.

Passport: June 12-18

A wonderful week like no other. Sign ups coming soon.

Mystery Trip: July 15-23

Sign ups coming soon.

~~~~~

**Sunday Night Children’s Zoom**

*Tonight*

**Preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

4:30 to 5:15 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

Please contact Lesley Ratcliff for the Zoom link.

~~~~~

Adult Studies Tonight

Bible 101 with Dr. Roger Greene

Sundays, through March 7

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Adult Studies will be livestreamed from the Sanctuary.

Dr. Greene will lead us through a deeper study of Ephesians.

We hope that you will join us for this wonderful opportunity for study!

~~~~~

**The Northminster Directory**

Do you need to change your picture, address or other directory information?

Do you need an updated digital Northminster Directory?

Email Neely or Jan in the church office

([neely@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:neely@northminsterbaptist.org) or [jan@northminsterbaptist.org](mailto:jan@northminsterbaptist.org)).

We will update your listing and add you to the list to receive an updated digital directory a few times a year.

The Lessons

Psalm 25:1-10

I Peter 3:18-22

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE**

The Meditation of Confession

I leave aside my shoes...ambition;  
Undo my watch...my time table,  
Take off my glasses...my views,  
Unclip my pen...my work,  
Put down my keys...my security,  
To be alone with you, the only true God.

-The Westminster Collection of Christian Prayers

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Lesley Ratcliff

The Meditation

“Pie Jesu”

Fauré

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Charles Poole

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Anthem

“O Love Divine”  
J J Coker, *tenor*

Coker

The Sermon

“Every Lent”

Charles Poole

**TIME OF RESPONSE**

When day comes we step out of the shade,  
Aflame and unafraid.  
The new dawn blooms as we free it,  
For there is always light,  
If only we’re brave enough to see it.  
If only we’re brave enough to be it.

-Amanda Gorman

\*The Recessional Hymn No. 648 "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.  
O let me feel thee near me, the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear:  
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.  
O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak, to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.  
O Jesus, thou has promised to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

\*The Benediction Charles Poole

\*The Postlude "The Heavens Are Telling" Marcello

\*The congregation will please stand.

The Lectionary passages for February 21 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

- Genesis 9:8-17 ~ pages 6-7
- Psalms 25:1-10 ~ page 436
- I Peter 3:18-22 ~ page 985
- Mark 1:9-15 ~ page 812

Musician for today:  
Joe M. Rankin, *clarinet*

**CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**  
**CURRENT CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Northminster is saddened by the death of Eda Jackson, an active member since 1969. Christian sympathy is extended to Gray Jackson and Dabbs, Jeffrey, Logan, Dylan, Sterling and Rhodes Massey.

**ONGOING CAREGIVING CONCERNS:**

Merle Dean Sue Edwards Robyn Chunn  
Libby McGee Nancy Herrin Virginia Hamilton  
Pat Walston Jack Cochran R.W. McCarley  
Vivian Thompson Martha Collum Robbie Cross  
Roxanne Aldridge Gorman Schaffer  
Martha Quarles, mother of Lori Quarles  
Louise Lott, mother of Cindy Griffin  
Remember those in military service: Chris Spencer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today is the first Sunday in Lent.** Lent is the season in which we anticipate Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem and the self-giving nature of love shown in his Passion and death. The season begins with Ash Wednesday and extends for forty weekdays through Saturday of Holy Week. Sundays are excluded from Lent, being regarded as feast days in the midst of the forty-day fast. Because Lent is the most strongly penitential season of the year, the liturgical color is purple.

Our Lenten banner is a visual symbol of Christ's sacrifice. The images of the cross, thorns, and spear remind us of his agony on our behalf. The pattern is broken, reminding us of the power of the cross, the disruption of evil, and a life broken for us. The purple recalls the penitential color of Lent and the red reminds us of sacrifice. The banner was designed and made by a Northminster member.



The Caregiving Committee considers it a privilege to pray for each concern that affects our church family. Recognizing the power of prayer, we meet each Monday at 8:30 a.m. in the church conference room for a brief, informal prayer-time and invite all who can to join us. If you have prayer concerns, please call the church office or a member of the Caregiving Committee.

The Deacon of the Week is Stewart Boone.  
The Caregiving Chair for February is Faye Barham.  
The Caregiving Coordinators for February are Ann Lauman and Nancy Bourn.  
The Caregivers of the Week are Sylvia Carraway and Judy Rankin.  
The Liturgist for February is Linda McGehee.  
The Flowers for February are provided by Sylvia Carraway and Susan Burnham.  
The Usher Captain for February is Nancy Smith.



*In observance of the Lenten season, only candles and the Bible will be placed on the communion table, reminding us of this prayerful Lenten journey, until the grace of Easter blooms again.*  
The Northminster Flower Committee